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SUBJECT: HISTADRUT GENERAL SECRETARY TO MEET FRENCH
UNIONS, INCLUDING CGT

1. DURING SEVERAL DAYS VISIT TO PARIS BEGINNING MARCH 20 TO ADDRESS MAPAM- SPONSORED CLUB BERNARD LAZARE ON PEACE AND SOCIALISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HISTADRUT GENERAL SECRETARY YITZHAK BEN AHARON IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH LEADERS OF FRENCH LABOR FEDERATIONS INCLUDING FO, CFDT, AND CGT.

2. COMMENT: HISTADRUT FOR SOME TIME HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CGT, IN VIEW OF ITS POLITICAL ROLE IN FRANCE AND IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. BEN AHARON' S SCHEDULED MEETING WITH SENIOR CGT OFFICIAL IS FIRST HIGH- LEVEL CONTACT. ACCORDING HISTADRUT SOURCE, BEN AHARON WILL DISCUSS ARAB- ISRAELI RELATIONS AND PLIGHT OF JEWS IN SOVIET UNION AND ARAB COUNTRIES. SOURCE PESSIMISTIC ON RESULTS OF MEETING DUE LONG- STANDING VIEWS OF CGT HOSTILE TO ISRAEL, BUT REGARDS MEETING AS SMALL STEP FORWARD IN ESTABLISHING RELATIONS AND POSSIBLY SECURING SUPPORT ON JEWISH EMIGRATION. ZURHELLEN

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